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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. C. C. Carpenter died at Owosso, Mich., on February 12, in his eighty-fourth year. He was minister of the Mt. Pleasant Church in Roxbury from 1870 to 1881, and of the Harvard Church in Charlestown from 1890 to 1902, when he retired.

Rev. C. C. Williams has died at Dayton, Ohio, where he was at work for the Miami Conservancy District. He served as minister of the Unitarian Church at Humboldt, Iowa, 1916-1918.

Rev. O. E. Helsing has resigned at Oklahoma City, Okla., and Rev. E. M. Slocombe at the Second Parish in Worcester, Mass.

Rev. Thomas Clayton has reopened the church at Fresno, Cal.

Rev. A. C. Nickerson is serving as stated supply at Waverley, Mass.

Rev. Du Bois Le Fevre has accepted a call to Newburgh, N. Y.

The return of ministers in military service is steadily improving conditions in the churches where the shortage of ministers has been very acute. Messrs. Levitt, Robins and Day have been discharged as chaplains in the Army. Messrs Bacon of Salem, Hawes of Newton, Metcalf of Winchester, Whitney of Plymouth and Cotton of Danvers have returned to their parishes from Y.M.C.A. service overseas.

Journeys

The speaking and preaching appointments of the President of the Association since the first of the year have been at Ayer, Harvard, Springfield and Attleboro, Mass.; Providence, R. I.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hackley School; Hackensack, N. J.; Germantown, Pa.; Wilmington, Del.; and Washington, D. C. He has also spoken at the meeting of the Essex Conference at Salem, to the New England Associate Alliance at Brookline and the Laymen's Convention at Springfield. He is now on a brief journey in the South with appointments at Richmond, Charleston, Jacksonville, Orlando and Atlanta.

The appointments of the Secretary have been as follows: February 6th at Peterboro, N. H., conferring with the committee; and the 12th, at Brockton at the welcome given to Mr. Nobbs by the parish. He has just returned from a brief journey in northern New York with appointments at Albany, Troy, Schenectady, Rochester and Syracuse, N. Y.

Field Secretary Brown is completing a long journey. He served through the fall months at Richmond, Va., then for sometime at Charleston, W. Va., and then followed a number of visits at Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Wichita, Kan.; Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver, Greeley and Fort Collins, Col.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Boise, Idaho; Butte, Helena, and Great Falls, Mont.

Field Secretary Gilmore within the past two months has preached at Troy, Albany, Schenectady, Barneveld, Dunkirk, Poughkeepsie, White Plains, Paterson, Staten Island, Trenton, Passaic, Ridgewood, Rutherford, Orange, Elizabeth, and Hackley School; attended parish meetings at Passaic, Lancaster, Flatbush, and Elizabeth, and special trustees' meetings at Passaic, Jamestown, and Lancaster; spoken to the students at Meadville and to the soldiers at Camp Dix.

Field Secretary Murdock has been active in reopening the California churches that have been closed because of the shortage of ministers, and has been co-operating with Mr. Lathrop who is now in southern California endeavoring to re-open the churches at Redlands and Santa Ana.

Three Billings Lecturers are now in the field. Rev. John H. Lathrop of Brooklyn has spent the month of February in California, where he has visited practically all the churches. He is now on his way home.

Rev. Frederic H. Kent, after keeping a number of appointments in New England, has gone Westward, meeting appointments at Albany, Troy, Barneveld, Syracuse, Ithaca, Rochester, Buffalo, Youngstown, Erie, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Minneapolis, St. Paul, the Iowa churches, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Lancaster and Wilmington.

Rev. Palfrey Perkins is just leaving for a journey in the Central West, following the route indicated by appointments at Detroit, Mich., Madison, Wis., and Duluth, Minn.

Bequests

It is a pleasure to note the increasing habit of Unitarians to remember their churches and their denominational organizations in their wills. Among the recent wills carrying such legacies are those of Mr. Frederick H. Hedge of Brookline, who leaves a bequest of $2,000 to the Independent Congregational Church of Bangor, of which his father was once minister. The will of Miss Susan Burritt of Ithaca carries a bequest of $5,000 for the First Unitarian Society of Ithaca and the Unitarian church is also to benefit by one-half of Miss Burritt's residuary estate. The will of Mrs. Henry C. Angell of Boston bequeathes to the American Unitarian Association a valuable piece of real estate at 16 Beacon Street, a dwelling house opposite the Unitarian building and adjoining the Congregational House.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association the Treasurer reported the payment of certain bequests: $10,000 has been received from the estate of Mr. Charles L. Richardson of Manchester, N. H., to establish a fund bearing his name, the income to be used for the benefit of the Unitarian church in Manchester; $25,000 has been received from the estate of Mrs. Bessie Robinson of Washington. The income of this fund goes to the Meadville Theological School. The bequest of Mrs. F. E. Colburn of Hopedale has also been received. The original bequest was $25,000 but the inheritance taxes have diminished that sum by a certain proportion. An equal legacy from Mrs. Colburn has been received by the Unitarian Sunday School Society. Smaller bequests, creating unrestricted funds for the use of the Association, include the Georgianna Merrill Fund of some $5,000, the Martha P. Davis Fund of $1,000, and the Mary Russell Parkman Fund of $1,000. These additions to the endowment of the Association are most gratefully acknowledged. Unitarians who desire to do some perpetual good in the world can do nothing better than to remember in their wills their own local

church and the national organizations of the Unitarian fellowship.

Contributions

While the list of bequests is thus encouraging, the record of the contributions of the churches does not indicate any sufficient vision of the needs of the situation or any adequate response to the challenge of the times. For the most part the churches appear to be content with the very modest rate of giving which has apparently satisfied them for a number of years. There is as yet no indication that the churches mean to accept their great and passing opportunity. There are, to be sure, certain gains in the records of some of the parishes. Good increases over the gifts of last year are found in the contributions of the churches in Templeton, Waltham, North Easton, Stow, Clinton and Bernardston, Mass., and Plainfield, N. J. The First Parish in Milton repeats its substantial contribution of $1,000 and the South Congregational Church in Boston its gift of $500. The gift of the Second Church in Boston goes up to $800, which is $150 better than last year. On the other hand in several parishes there are small losses, but there is yet time for those parishes to do better. It is very much to be hoped that the month of March will show a more marked increase in the tide of giving. The churches should remember that another Liberty Loan campaign will be on in April and that they will therefore do well to gather their contributions for the national cause in March and not wait until the last moment. The books of the Association must close on April 30.

The Need

Freedom and righteousness are not self-operative forces which work independently of men's desire and purpose. The Unitarian principles cannot be promulgated except by heralds and messengers and these messengers must be supported. That support, and thereby the diffusion of the principles of freedom and truth, depend upon the present generosity of Unitarian people. The principles we are trying to advance are not just ornamental graces but the essentials of a reconstructed civilization. Unitarians have never before had presented to them such an opportunity of service as now confronts them. The creeds and the ceremonial observations that were once full of vitality are now losing their power and influence over large numbers of their former adherents. Courageous thinking, sincere utterance, and human fellowship are needed as never before in the religious life of the nation. Many of our churches have had to contend with great difficulties during the war and the coming of peace does not immediately remove those difficulties. We must save our orphan churches or lose all we have hitherto expended. We must feed our missionaries or starve our own souls. We must interest people who are uninformed about our work, and inform those who ought to be interested. Let every minister and every church do everything in their power, by the use of adequate and thorough methods, by the diffusion of information, by the co-operative endeavor of all the people, to fill the scantily supplied treasury of their Association. Let each individual Unitarian take this need to heart and act promptly and liberally. The message of pure Christianity is not just one of many good things that Unitarians might help; it is a fundamental necessity for the life and peace of the world.

Religious Freedom in Transylvania

The attention of the Board of Directors of the Association has been called to the perils that confront the Unitarian churches in Hungary. Almost all of these churches are situated in Transylvania, a section of Hungary which under the terms of the treaty which brought Rumania into the war is to be incorporated into Rumania. Under the Hungarian sovereignty the Protestants in Transylvania — Calvinists, Lutherans and Unitarians alike — have been secure in the enjoyment of religious liberty. In Rumania that liberty is unknown and if Transyl-

vania is thus annexed the fate of the Protestant churches and communities can readily be imagined. Already, we are told, the Rumanian authorities in Transylvania have thrown into prison the venerable Joseph Ferencz, the Bishop of the Unitarian churches. The officers of the Association are taking every possible step to safeguard these interests. It is not their part to meddle with the decisions of the Peace Conference in regard to boundaries and it is not denied that the majority of the inhabitants of Transylvania are of Rumanian origin and speech. It is, however, to be hoped that the Peace Conference will insist upon guarantees of religious liberty not only in Transylvania but in all regions of new or transferred sovereignty. A Unitarian delegation from Transylvania has appeared in Holland endeavoring to get their case presented to the Peace Conference in Paris. The American Unitarian Association and the British and Foreign Unitarian Association will support their plea. It would be the veriest irony of fate if the Protestant institutions of Hungary are permitted to perish at the hands of powers that in their own countries maintain and guarantee complete religious toleration.

Department of Religious Education

A manual for use with confirmation classes has been prepared by the Secretary of the Department. It is arranged under seven topics so that if desired it may be used during the Lenten period. Additional material is suggested at the end of each chapter in order that the time of special preparation for church membership may be extended when feasible. An inquiry concerning modes of procedure with such classes was sent out to a number of our ministers, and the replies received have been incorporated in the Introduction as suggestions drawn from practical experience. The manual deals with the universal religious experience and with the elements of our Unitarian faith, the closing chapter offering suggestions for a study of the local church and reasons for entering into church membership.

Ministers and teachers will find this book of great service in preparing young people to join the church. The material offered permits of varied treatment so that each worker may adapt it to his own needs. In form the manual will be of pocket size and attractively bound, so that it might serve as a gift book to members of the class. It is expected to be ready about the first of April.

The response from the field to the list of books on religious education in our Circulating Library, recently sent out from the department, is most gratifying. Requests have been coming in so rapidly that a waiting list is being kept, the books to be sent in order of application. During the last month the number of books sent out from the circulating library was larger than during any other single month, more than half the requests being for those named on the Religious Education list. Superintendents have sent for books for the use of teachers and to guide the work of teachers' meetings. This means more thorough and careful instruction for the pupils in our church schools.

The temperance service prepared in this department for use in church schools is to be published at once. Many requests for it have been received from teachers who used it at the opening meeting of the Boston Sunday School Union. It is designed as a supplemental service, to be used on any Sunday when it may be found desirable to use a service of worship that shall create and enforce ideals of purity and self control.

A parents' meeting, under the auspices of the committee on Religion in the Home was held in Channing Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 25. Three addresses were given: The Family at Meal Time, by W. I. Lawrance; Bed-time Talks and Prayers, by Mrs. M. Louise C. Hastings; Sunday Afternoons, by Mrs. Ella Lyman Cabot. Discussion and a social hour followed, when tea was served by the Home Department of the Church of the Disciples, Boston.

Recent speaking engagements have taken the Secretary to Fall River,

Taunton, Melrose, and Attleboro. He has presented the aims and principles of the Beacon Course before a class of graduate students in Boston University and given one of three addresses at the Parents' Meeting.

The Associate Secretary has spoken before Alliances at Woburn and Norwell, to the Boston Sunday School Union, to Young People's Religious Unions at Wollaston and Barnard Memorial, preached at Nashua, N. H. and Clinton, Mass., and given five teacher-training lectures.

It is gratifying to be able to announce that summer meetings at the Shoals will be resumed this year. Thus there will be once again the two Institutes for Religious Education in New England, — that at Andover, N. H., from June 29 to July 5, and at the Shoals from July 7 to 12, both conducted by the Associate Secretary. It is planned to have different programs at each, so a two-weeks' course in religious education will be available to those who can give the time to attend both Institutes.

The third of our Institutes, which was at Meadville for nine years, will be held this year, at last, in Chicago. There will be a six-weeks' term for those ministers or teachers who may wish to prepare for leadership in religious education in our churches, from June 16 to July 23, covering the first term of the summer quarter in the University. An intensive institute of ten days will also be held in Chicago from July 1 to July 11, inclusive, for Sunday-school teachers and church workers who cannot take time for the longer course. The Secretary will be present and lecturing in both the long and the short courses. Full announcement of programs of all these Institutes will be made next month.

Attention is again called to the meeting of the Religious Education Association in Detroit, March 17-19. The general topic is "A Religious Interpretation of Democracy." This convention will deal with the problems of a reconstruction program of religious education, and will thus be of great value to our workers. Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, who is President of the Association, will preside at the sessions. Our fellowship is represented by several members of the Council, and the Secretary of this department is one of three appointed to give the annual survey. Among the speakers will be Chaplain Daniel Couvé of the French Army, Hon. John Barrett, Director of the Pan-American Union, Hon. Henry T. Bradden of Australia, Sir Robert Falconer of Toronto, President McGiffert of Union Theological Seminary, President Davis of the Chicago Theological Seminary, President George E. Vincent of the Rockefeller Foundation, Rabbi David Phillipson of Cincinnati, Dr. Frank O. Hall of New York, and Dr. L. S. McCollester of Tufts College who was formerly settled in Detroit. Programs may be secured from this office, or from the headquarters of the Religious Education Association, 1440 East Fifty-Seventh St., Chicago.

Department of Community Service

Now that the war is in the process of settlement two great tasks are before the community, and especially before the churches because of their interest in the ethical and spiritual developments of life. One of these is to support the effort to make wars impossible or exceedingly difficult through the creation of a League of Free Nations, and the other is to conserve and extend the great civilian gains of the war.

The League of Nations

The attention of the world is centered upon the deliberations of the Peace Congress at Paris. In the minds of the statesmen assembled there the forming of a League of Nations is of equal importance with the determination of the terms of the peace to which all are looking forward. In the words of Mr. Taft, "The League looks to a union of the democratic nations of the world, to the will of the peoples, expressed through their governments, as its basis and sanction. It looks to the establishment of new governments by popular choice and control. It is to be founded on justice impartially administered, and not on

the interests of kings or emperors or dynasties. It is to rise as a structure built upon the ashes of militarism, and it is to rest on the pillars of justice and equality, and the welfare of peoples." This is the ideal of the new world order, and it is supremely worth working for, but if it is ever to be actually realized it must be because the great democracies of the world demand it. This means that the people at large must know and understand clearly what the League stands for and how it is to be constituted. Here in the United States the subject should be studied and discussed in every community from Maine to California, no matter how remote or small it may be. It is a matter in which churches of every name must be vitally interested, especially Unitarian churches which have always taken a large interest in questions concerning the common welfare. Therefore:

Hold Meetings

In view of the momentous issues at stakee, very church, through its social service committee or some other organization, is urged to hold meetings at which the League of Nations shall be discussed in all its aspects as completely as possible. Should it be desired to have speakers from abroad, the Massachusetts Committee for the League of Free Nations will be glad to supply speakers to churches in New England, or tell them where they may be obtained. Inquiries may be addressed to Rev. Edward Cummings, Chairman, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, Mass. Individuals who favor the forming of the League should put themselves on record by sending their names for enrollment to Mr. Cummings. Churches outside of New England can address the League of Free Nations Association, 130 West 42nd St., New York City. Membership in the League carries no financial obligation whatever. Should public meetings be held, resolutions endorsing the League should be always passed before adjournment and copies should be sent to the senators of the state in which the meeting is held. Nothing compares in importance with this question at the present time, and it is to be hoped that the churches will recognize their obligation to further it by every means in their power.

Conserving the Civilian Gains of the War

The great outstanding gain of the war so far as it concerns civilian life is the uniting of all the elements in the community for service. Under the leadership of the Red Cross nothing like it has ever been known before. Catholic, Protestant, Hebrew, the religiously indifferent, and every social rank have met and worked together under the inspiration which the Red Cross organization has supplied. More than this the Home Service of the Red Cross has enlisted thousands of men and women in looking after the welfare of the families of the men who have gone overseas or to the mobilization camps. They have done in a few months what philanthropic societies have been striving to do for years, and have carried on their tasks successfully and efficiently. It has shown what united effort can do for the common good. Now that the war is substantially over it will be an incredible loss if this great social organization shall be allowed to disintegrate. People are determined that in the time to come life shall be fuller and happier for all than has ever been the case before, but if this determination is to reach fulfillment it means that we must all stand together and work together as we have been doing in the last two or three years. Here again is a great opportunity for the churches. It is not too much to say that they have been the backbone of the Red Cross organization. That is, they have supplied a very large proportion of both the managers and the rank and file. It is for them now to see the glory of the present opportunity. There is a vast amount to be done in the humanizing of industry, the improvement of child life, the civilizing of society, that calls for the same leadership and devotion that has shown itself so conspicuously in war work and civilian relief. The Red Cross is a better agent for such work than the

churches because it is non-sectarian and non-partisan, and can and does include everybody. But the churches must continue to be the power behind it to make it go. Let us apply ourselves to considering how this great war gain can be preserved and extended. The vision of possible accomplishment is most alluring. It is for the churches to think about it and talk about it, and help to bring it to full realization. It will be for the great good of the world, for the healing of the wounds not alone of war but of peace, and for the bringing in of the better day.

Publication Department

The Brotherhood of the Free by George Kent, and *Essential Christianity*, by Abraham Mitrie Rihbany, are now ready for distribution. These are tracts No. 3 and 4 in the Religion for the New Age Series (abbreviation, R.F.N.A.). The manuscripts for two additional tracts, *Where Do You Stand in Religion?* by Edmund H. Reeman, and *The New World and its Religion*, by Francis G. Peabody, have been received and will be issued about April 1 as No. 5 and 6 in this Series. Particular attention of our ministers and other loyal workers is called to these publications. The subjects are of greatest importance, standing as we are at this moment among the ruins wrought by unsound principles and ambitions. The authors of these pamphlets are men of the new social vision who see the light of the new day, and their words will be of distinct value to those who seek inspiring counsel to guide them. The old order is changing and the great question is whether the world is able and willing to embrace the opportunities that will realize the true brotherhood of man.

Tracts for Special Occasions

In response to a suggestion from the Post Office Mission Committee, the Board of Directors have authorized the publication of a series of tracts for special occasions, such as Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. These sermons will be selected by the Post Office Mission Committee and will be issued in limited number and special size for the Post Office Mission Workers. The first of this series will be an Easter sermon and will be ready for distribution on April 1.

The Causes of Germany's Moral Downfall
By Robert James Hutcheon

The Beacon Press has just issued a pamphlet containing four lectures on the good and evil of the German political, social, educational, and religious system. These lectures were delivered at Meadville, Pa., during November and December, 1918, not to scholars but to the general public, and were most heartily received. The pamphlet sells for 50 cents net, or 55 cents by mail.

RELIGION FOR THE NEW AGE SERIES

No. 3. **The Brotherhood of the Free.** By George Kent

A call to overcome old antipathies, class hatreds and suspicions, and to sow justice and generosity in their stead.

No. 4. **Essential Christianity.** By Abraham Mitrie Rihbany

An urgent plea to men to realize that God's method in building up the world is not sameness, but diversity in harmony.

The God Who Cares By Jabez T. Sunderland. (A. U. A. Series, No. 291)

A plea for the proper appreciation of the reasonableness and value of prayer, not only in the church but for the home and for all life.

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"God grant us wisdom in these coming days,
And eyes unsealed, that we clear visions see
Of that new world that He would have us build
To Life's ennoblement and His high ministry.

"Not since Christ died upon His lonely cross
Has Time such prospect held of Life's new birth;
Not since the world of chaos first was born
Has man so clearly visaged hope of a new earth."

John Oxenham.

Mrs. Claude U. Gilson, who has been the editor of the Alliance department of Word and Work since the death of Mrs. Fifield in 1913, sailed on January 31 at the head of a group of fifty women enlisted for service under the Y.M.C.A. at their furlough houses in France, for U. S. A. men "on leave."

This is the first division sent by the War Victory Commission of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which has fitted out a foreign war unit of two workers from each state and four supervisors at large. Mrs. Gilson, who is one of these supervisors, is particularly well fitted for the position by her recent experience as Community Worker at the Federation House at Ayer, Mass., where she has rendered a service of a very high order under the War Work Council of the American Unitarian Association, a service made possible by the New England Associate Alliance.

During the past months editorial articles have revealed the finest spirit of co-operation and good-will, together with a clear vision of the larger issues before the world, to which Mrs. Gilson has given happy and forceful expression.

To our great appreciation of what she has done, we add a heartfelt God-speed.

DIRECTOR AND BRANCHES

"Dear Fellow-workers:

Since meeting last our load has been lightened, but we must now regather our forces to shoulder the new cares and responsibilities thrust upon us by the cessation of hostilities.

'The only thing stronger than armies is an idea for which the time is ripe.' In the serious period confronting us we shall find our loyalty and capabilities taxed to the utmost in making real the ideal which made our armies invincible.

During the war women learned to sink the personal in the co-operative service — will they continue to do so with the coming of peace? That the new demands will be met by Alliance women none can doubt after the brave way they have banded together to meet the old, often in the face of apparently insurmountable difficulties.

What such faithfulness has meant to the individual and to our communities shall be realized eventually, and we shall be glad of the vision great enough to make obstacles as nothing.

With new enthusiasm, therefore, let us direct our energies along the spiritual lines suddenly opened to us.

Those who have been called upon to give what is dearer to them than life itself will have most to contribute now. In this work they shall have first place and in it they may find their solace.

Whether we are able to meet frequently or not, we ever should be conscious of our unity of spirit and of the strength which lies in numbers, with the courage that it brings.

Your Director hopes to visit each Branch during the winter. If you are not meeting as stated in the Manual, please inform her.

She also would request that word regarding plans and conditions be sent her immediately, that she may confer upon our special problems with members of the Alliance Board.

With hearty greetings and the wish for a wonderfully successful year."

The above "parochial letter" is one answer to the question often asked as to the relation of a director to her branches. What branch president could fail to send immediate response, herself or through

her secretary, to such a request? And to include the year's program with a special invitation to some particular meeting?

In our democratic organization the director *suggests* — subjects of study, lines of service, ways of raising money, etc., — and the branch after consideration of these suggestions makes its own decisions. Many branches like to consult their director about the Appeals endorsed by the Executive Board and also about puzzling letters from a variety of sources which ask for financial or other help. The director is the connecting link between the branches and the general body and by letter or by word at the time of her visit she reports whatever of importance may have come before the Executive Board or The Alliance in annual meeting.

Each year brings a growing weight of evidence regarding the value of personal visits in promoting a closer fellowship. The aim is to have each and every branch receive such a visit each year. Group meetings of the branches of a given director are of untold value. In some cases these are regularly held in connection with a state or district conference.

In some districts a director's travelling fund has long been the rule. Towards this each branch contributes. In one case it is a per capita amount, in another an annual sum from the treasury. The money is handed to the director to be used in attending meetings of the Executive Board as often as the fund permits. In addition, the branches defray the expense of their director's visit to their meetings.

A New England directors' fund is used as far as possible to bring to one Board meeting each year the directors at the greatest distance from Boston. The amount is not adequate to do this for all. One of our wide awake New England branches has recently written that it feels that each Alliance should contribute its share to its director's expenses and asked that a notice to this effect be put into WORD AND WORK. That notice follows:

1. Defray the expense of your director's visit to your meeting; contribute towards the amount if you can do no more.

2. Help make it possible for your director to attend the meetings of the Executive Board, to which you have elected her, where she will represent you and will receive what in turn she will convey to you.

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held February 14th, Miss Lowell presiding. There were also present: Mmes. Noyes, Carpenter, Donahue, Allen, Bacon, Bailey, Blair, Bouvé, Coolidge, Faulk, Hayes, Houghton, Kimball, Sawyer, Stearns, Whitman, Bryant, Griffin, Dakin, Pope, and by invitation four branch presidents.

Mrs. James A. Tufts, of Exeter, N. H., has become a life member.

In memoriam have been added the names of: Mrs. Ann L. Burt, by Keene, N. H., branch; Mrs. George L. Lovett, by West Newton, Mass., branch; Mrs. Frances Slade Brigham, Flushing, N.Y., by her sisters.

Letters from the treasurer of the International Union and also from Miss Herford were read, acknowledging our annual gift and speaking with much feeling of the bond of friendship for the times to come.

The Post Office Mission need sermons for special anniversaries, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Easter, and the American Unitarian Association has agreed to print them if the committee will collect the manuscripts. They must be Unitarian in thought, not longer than 3,000 words, and look to the future rather than the past. Mrs. Dakin would like to cooperate with branch Post Office Mission chairmen, and if needed give them help in the details of the work.

From the Southern Circuit Committee, letters were read from Mrs. Peterson and Mr. Zastrow. The repairs on the Mt. Pleasant church have been done by the townspeople gratis, but Mr. Zastrow has been there to superintend and direct the work.

Mrs. Davis reported that she had been at a League meeting in Germantown, and was to speak in Baltimore on February 18.

The International Committee reported that Mrs. Voigt sails for France next week to work at Montpellier and hopes to go later to Italy in behalf of our Italian Mission.

Mrs. Kimball spoke of the college centers; particularly of the work at Berkeley. The Channing Club of Berkeley has appointed a social vice-president to get in touch with the students. They have four meetings a month, with speakers and refreshments, and a social hour and religious services on Sunday evenings.

Reports from the Pacific Coast and five Massachusetts directors were read.

EFFIE E. WHITMAN,
Secretary pro tem.

Will branches send word at once to Alliance headquarters if their numbers have increased so much as to entitle them to more delegates to the annual business meeting May 21 than the number recorded in the Manual would allow? The by-laws provide for one delegate for every thirty members (counting both local and dollar members).

Announcement is made of the publication of a list of books adapted to the needs of Sunday School teachers and parents. Copies of this list have been sent to branch presidents. The co-operation of all is counted on in extending the use of these books among those who have to deal with children in the church school or in the home. Application should be made to the Circulating Library, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Junior Fellowship Notes

Concord, N. H. The secretary of this new Junior Alliance writes: "We are very glad to hear from our friends in other Junior Alliances. We organized last September, and the ages of our members are from 12 to 17 years. In the first place to make money we filled and sold berry bowls with good success. We had a cake sale the second month, and also served tea at the regular monthly meetings of the senior branch. We waited on table at the Victory Supper given by the Alliance. Next month we are to give a supper, and a play entitled, 'The Voice of Authority.' Everyone has been most kind, and we are very fortunate to have Mrs. Chase for our Director." The officers of this new group are: President, Miss Grace Melvin; Secretary, Miss Margaret Lowell, 51 Center St.; Treasurer, Miss Grace M. Chase; and Director, Mrs. Ernest Chase.

Indianapolis, Ind. Girls as young as 13 may join our Junior Alliance, but we have set no age limit when they shall graduate into the Senior Branch. We meet the second Friday, at 7.30 P.M., hold a short business meeting first, and a social hour follows, or whatever is planned by the committee. We have made scrap-books for children in hospitals, and valentines and novelties for the patients at the Tuberculosis Hospital. We have a church hour committee, which cares for the small children during church service, and a flower committee, who see that there are flowers for the pulpit each Sunday. Adding to our finances is our greatest problem. We have had the candy booth at fairs, have served suppers, and have given a vaudeville performance.

International Committee

Since January 10, 1919, the following contributions have been received for the Crèche at Cap d'Antibes:

Wellesley Hills, Mass., Branch	$40.00
Baltimore, Md., Branch	10.00
Grace Sargent Circle, Lenox Ave. Church, N. Y.	10.00
Mr. William E. Barry, Kennebunk, Me., in memory of Ernest L. Barry	9.00
Lend-a-Hand Society, Boston	7.00
Pittsfield, Mass., Branch	6.00
Canton, Mass., Branch	5.50
Cambridge, Mass., Third Congregational Branch	5.00
Mrs. Sumner Coolidge	5.00
Utowana Camp Fire Girls, through Rev. Elizabeth Padgham	5.00
Flatbush, N. Y., Branch	3.00
Mrs. W. L. Locke, Watertown, Mass.	1.00
	$106.50

From Mrs. Perkins, Director for the State of Washington: —

In considering the following reports

from the branches within my jurisdiction will you bear in mind the following facts: — First of all, that of the four churches in Washington, two only are self-supporting; the First Church in Seattle, and the one in Spokane. Both Bellingham and the Seattle University Church are missionary churches largely supported by the generous action of the American Unitarian Association; the societies at Vancouver and Victoria are maintained almost entirely through the support given them by the British and Foreign and the American Unitarian Associations. The membership in every instance is to a great extent composed of men and women who have no Unitarian traditions, or knowlecge of our denominational life and history. They come from widely scattered parts of the country, comparatively few being New Englanders who would have known the interpretation of Liberalism as expressed by our Unitarian churches; and in many instances the chief attraction to the church for them has been the opportunity of belonging to a religious body that imposes no theological test or obligations. Consequently the organic spirit and a feeling of denominational loyalty is a matter of growth and development.

I will speak first of Victoria where the Alliance comprises hardly more than a dozen members, yet its ambition knows no limits and the little band of loyal Alliance members are an inspiration and an example to us all. I went to Victoria for their first meeting in the autumn and was impressed, as one cannot fail to be, with the splendid courage and high ideals which that tiny group of faithful Alliance workers possess. They were encouraged and filled with fresh zeal by Miss Lowell's visit last spring. I think you can scarcely realize how great a help and inspiration results from a visit from our President; and if it were possible to have a representative from the East visit our branches occasionally it would be of inestimable value, particularly to those that are out of touch with other churches.

Mrs. Bowden, the wife of the minister in Victoria, writes thus: "For a tiny society, we have done fairly well. We gave the church a donation of fifty dollars and bought a life membership of twenty-five dollars for the church in the Red Cross, besides contributing to numerous local charities and War Relief agencies." The Secretary in her report says, "Subscriptions to the Pacific Unitarian and the Christian Register were renewed and the magazines placed in the Public Library. This winter the Program Committee arranged for a series of papers upon the 'Leaders of the Liberal Faith' to be given by the members."

The Secretary of the VancouverBranch sends me her report. It is an inspiring record of the War work accomplished by that little band of tireless and devoted workers.

When it is remembered that the church in Vancouver has been without a minister since before the war, and that lay services have been held without interruption during the four years, it bespeaks the loyalty, courage and devotion of the members of the church.

Mr. Perkins and I have just returned from Bellingham where we attended the Annual meeting of the church. I have strong hopes that something definite may be accomplished this spring in reviving the Alliance branch there.

I am unable to give a detailed report from Spokane. The branch there have confined their efforts almost entirely to Red Cross work during the past year.

Of our two Seattle Alliances, I can give most encouraging accounts. Realizing that for one cause and another, the membership throughout the State had fallen below the requisite one hundred entitling us to have a Director, I instituted what I called in the language of the hour "a drive for memberships." Within the past few weeks, the branch of the First Unitarian Church has gained over thirty members, bringing the number to sixty, "with promise of greater increase." And in our own little Society, the University Church, we now number fifty-two as against thirty-four last year. I shall not rest content until the goal I have set for the two societies is attained,

namely, having every woman in the church a member of the Alliance! In and out of season, I am urging upon our people the desirability, not to say the compelling obligation that rests upon us as loyal Unitarians of giving our hearty support and personal participation to the work of the Alliance.

The first meeting in January of the University Church Alliance took the form of a luncheon to which the ladies of the First Church were invited, about sixty being present from the two Alliances. "Loyalty to the Alliance" was the theme of the afternoon, and the speakers from both branches made helpful and stirring appeals. Neither have we been unmindful of the Appeals, two dollars was sent Mrs. Bale for her cards, and twenty dollars was voted to be distributed among the Appeals published in WORD AND WORK.

The spirit of our purpose is thus expressed by Mrs. Beede, who held the office of President last year. "The Personal Side of the Alliance. The best way to know people is to work with them, and the work of the Alliance which seems to bring out the most generous and kindly side of human nature has been the basis of many a true and lasting friendship. It is so varied that it requires all sorts of talents, great and small, and so makes our organization more truly than any other that I know of like a mosaic in which each tiny piece is absolutely necessary to the success of the whole. The pattern is often changed and the more pieces we have the more beautiful will be our designs."

News from the Branches

Mrs. William Bale, director for Western Canada, will be enabled to aid her branches and the work for Canadian blinded soldiers at St. Dunstan's, England, to the extent of $112, this being the results of the sales of Lend-a-Hand cards for 1918. She desires to thank all branches who aided her with orders for cards, or cash contributions.

The Unitarian Church at Ayer, Mass. was rededicated after extensive repairs and alterations on the first Sunday in January. The whole building has been transformed into a church home of unusual beauty and dignity. The Alliance held open house on Sunday afternoon before the service of dedication and Dr. Eliot, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, Miss Lowell for The Alliance and Mrs. Blair for the New England Associate Alliance received with the minister and his wife.

Mrs. Glasgow reports for Eastern Canada: —

In the four long years just past, for the last of which this is to be a Report, the women of the Alliance Branches, together with all the other women of Canada have subordinated everything to the work of the war. No restraint was laid upon our people by our government as to the number of boxes and parcels that might be sent to our men overseas. Consequently the women poured out their substance to the sons and brothers, husbands and sweethearts, to cheer and console them in their dreadful undertakings. Before the establishing and perfecting of systems which obtained later this was indeed a dire necessity for the men. The knowledge that their work proved a great sustaining power for the men who went to fight their battles, as the men themselves never cease to aver, has been the women's great reward. It might very well be expected that now there would be a disposition for a little folding of the hands to rest. But every one of the reports speaks of the purpose and desire for new activities when the war work is finally disposed of.

Toronto held four afternoon teas, a trip to Camp Niagara, two social evenings, and, the report reads, "other activities," which sounds very festive, but the ear attuned to such things may hear the jingle of silver and the rustle of paper money on the collection plate, for these occasions were all for the purpose of raising funds for work, though without doubt they cheered the workers and kept up their morale.

The verses quoted this month appear on the timely program of the branch of

the Church of the Disciples, Boston, a Study of Problems and Plans of Social Reconstruction after the War. The papers are prepared by members, the excellent habit of this branch, and are grouped as follows: The contribution to the study by the Society of Friends; the American contribution to world democracy; the plans of the British Labor Party as endorsed by the Inter-Allied Labor and Socialist Convention. A list of books is recommended for study. The final topic is Immortality: In a changing world must our hope suffer change?

From Eugene, Ore.: Our working force numbers about fifteen, a most devoted band of earnest workers. Neither the great stress of war work nor the unusual conditions caused by influenza has dampened their ardor for the work of the Alliance or their enthusiasm for spreading liberal religion. Our contribution to Appeals and other national work has been small. Now that conditions are beginning to be more normal, we are hoping that more energy, both financial and otherwise, may come back to the church and we may reach out and let our good-will for all things Unitarian be expressed in a tangible form.

From Oakland, Cal.: Perhaps our system of calling, which was originated and organized by the chairman of our visiting committee may be of interest and assistance to others. The city was divided into sections, a sub-chairman named for each, and a list of names given her of the people she was to call, or have called upon. The plan is that she shall call upon the first named on the list, and then give the lady called upon, the list and ask her to call upon the next, she to pass the pleasure along to the next, and so on until the list has been covered. If any lady called upon objects or refuses to make a call, the list is returned to the sub-chairman and she starts the ball rolling once more. When the list has been covered it is returned to the chief chairman. This year the practice of opening our regular meetings with devotionals of some nature has been introduced by our president.

From San Francisco, Cal.: Many excellent things have been discussed in the society during the year but perhaps the most vital subject discussed and acted upon was that of dispensing with the usual bazaar because of the urgent need of conservation of time, labor and materials while our nation was at war. In order to replenish the treasury a personal appeal was made to each member of the society for individual subscriptions payable in September. This met with hearty response and co-operation, netting a much larger sum ($1,222.50) than ever before, which was very gratifying as members had been overburdened with demands during the year.

From Santa Barbara, Cal.: The subject of the Santa Barbara meetings was, "Good Samaritans of All Times," leading us up from Bible days through the Civil War to present Red Cross history and activities. In July, 1918, by request of the Santa Barbara Chapter of the Red Cross, the Alliance formed an auxiliary known as the Unitarian Auxiliary of the Santa Barbara Chapter, and continued the meetings, also knitting, and working individually at Red Cross headquarters.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will be held at 25 Beacon St., Boston, March 3, at 10.30. Mrs. Sumner Coolidge of Middleboro will preside and Mrs. Edward E. Allen of the Perkins Institution, Watertown, will speak on "The Attitude of the Seeing Public towards the Blind." Everyone cordially invited.

Appeals

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$50
Meadville Students	28
Pacific School Students	42
Tuckerman School	26
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	578
White Plains	96
Italian Mission	200
Memphis, Tenn.	65
Christian Register (to increase circulation)	355
Foreign War Relief	(unlimited)

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Junior Church Workers

In the limited space of this article it is but possible to urge that both ministers and young people study the field in their respective churches with the object of finding opportunities for the young people to do their part in personal service for the church. Many a bit of church detail has been neglected because the willing hands of the young people were not enlisted. Many a young person has drifted away from the church through feeling, at a certain period of his youth, out of touch with church activities. If at this crucial time, his loyalties had been appealed to through some opportunity for helpful service, his interest and support would have been saved to the church. Interest of the young person, properly maintained, results in the loyal member of the congregation in the years to come. In the interest of the church of the future, the placing of minor church responsibilities upon the younger Unitarians should not be neglected. The members of young people's societies should learn of their privileges in helping, even in some small way, the church of which they will later become an integral part.

The New York Trip

Renewed interest has been aroused in the young people's movement as a result of the two weeks spent in New York and vicinity during January by Miss Packard, field secretary of the Y.P.R.U. Addressing some fifteen meetings which included Alliance branches, church congregations and young people's groups this efficient worker did much to bring the objects of the Young People's Religious Union before Unitarians of this district.

Her first appointment was on Thursday, January 9, when she spoke at the installation service of Rev. B. F. Allen at Hackensack, N. J. On the next day she spoke to the Alliance women of New York and New Jersey and on Saturday addressed a Lend-a-Hand conference at All Souls Church, New York.

Sunday morning she preached at Staten Island and in the afternoon presided at a rally in Flatbush, N. Y. Here the speakers were Rev. John Haynes Holmes and the field secretary. About one hundred delegates were present, coming from Flatbush; First Parish, Brooklyn; Second Church, Brooklyn; Rutherford, N. J., and Church of the Messiah. A pageant "You are the hope of the world" was presented and during the social hour a question box was held. So successful was the meeting that it was decided to have a rally in April at the First Church, Brooklyn.

On Monday Miss Packard spoke to a group of young people at the home of Rev. Mr. Illman at Vineland, N. J. The day following she attended conferences in Philadelphia regarding young people's work and on Wednesday spoke to a group of radical Unitarians at Trenton, N. J. On Thursday evening a young people's social gathering at First Church, Brooklyn, was addressed.

On Friday evening the field secretary spoke before the Zodiac Club of Yonkers, N. Y., on Saturday evening the young people at Hackensack, N. J., were formed into a Unity club, and on Sunday morning the pulpit at Passaic, N. J. was occupied.

Sunday afternoon a rally was held at the Church of the Messiah, Miss Packard presiding. Delegates were present from Staten Island, Rutherford, Yonkers, Boston, Church of the Messiah, First Church, Brooklyn, Lenox Avenue, Flatbush and Montclair. Miss Leland spoke on "Fatherless children in France" and Miss Stowe on the purpose of federation, from her experience in the Boston

Federation. Rev. Nelson J. Springer, former field secretary, also spoke.

Sunday evening Miss Packard spoke before the Forum in the Paterson church and on Monday evening at Montclair. Here the young people decided to organize. A meeting at the Lenox Avenue church on Tuesday, where the young people arranged for an organization meeting and decided to form a class in the Sunday School, completed the work of the trip.

Fourteen New Unions

As a result of awakened enthusiasm, largely through the efforts of the field secretary, twelve new young people's societies have been organized since the fall and two others are in the process of formation. Those planning organization meetings at the time of going to press are Montclair, N. J., and Lenox Avenue, N. Y. The list of new Unions includes Salem: Stewart Club, Lynn; Unitarian Helpers, Harvard Street, Cambridge; Winthrop Guild, Winthrop; Charles E. Park Club, First Parish, Boston; Wabeno Union, All Souls, Roxbury; North Unitarian Church, New Bedford; Fairhaven: Pembroke: Melrose: Unity Club, Hackensack, N. J.; and Girls' Club, Trenton, N. J. If other societies have been formed that are not here recorded the information should be sent to Y. P. R. U. Headquarters, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Liberty Bond Workers Wanted

Groups of 25 young people each are wanted, each group to raise a $50 Liberty Bond for the Endowment Fund of the Young People's Religious Union. Six teams, destined to total $300, have already been formed. The method is for each team to choose a captain who collects ten cents a week for twenty weeks from each of the 25. The names and addresses of captains, also of individuals who would like to be on one of the teams, should be sent to Miss Minnie Packard, 25 Beacon Street, Boston. It is desired to complete the Endowment Fund before May 1, 1919. Of the $50,000, $20,000 has thus far been raised. The campaign is now on.

Membership in the Y. P. R. U.

For those who do not know what it means to be a member of the Young People's Religious Union the following extract from the constitution is printed:

"Any young people's society or club in sympathy with its principles and which has contributed for two successive years shall, upon sending a contribution to the Treasurer for the general uses of the corporation, be entitled to representation at all business meetings of the Young People's Religious Union by three delegates, provided that such contribution be placed in the hands of the officers of the corporation on or before May 1st to entitle a club or society to be represented in the following annual meeting."

A cordial invitation to join the Young People's Religious Union is extended to any new societies. We need your help and hope that you will call upon us to help you.

Notes

The annual Indoor Picnic of the South Middlesex Federation will be held on Saturday, March 15, at Channing Church Newton.

The next Mass Meeting of the Young People's Religious Union is planned for Sunday evening, April 6, when Rev. Maxwell Savage of Lynn will be the speaker.

The Boston Federation holds its annual meeting on Sunday afternoon and evening, April 27, at Barnard Memorial, Warrenton Street, Boston.

A Y. P. R. U. rally is planned during the month of April at First Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Delegates from distant places are especially invited for the annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union, which takes place during Anniversary Week on Friday, May 23. Arrangements for entertaining guests are already being perfected.

Young people's societies are asked to send in their dues to the Y. P. R. U. at once.

Unitarian Temperance Society

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Mr. Edward J. Rowse, *Treasurer,* 27 Richwood Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

TEMPERANCE MEANS

I. EFFICIENCY

More coal: The National Coal Association stated to Fuel Administrator Garfield in July, 1918, that drink among miners reduces the annual output of coal in this country, at least 60 million tons.

More ships: Tommy Mason was superintendent of the construction work on the Tuckahoe, the naval Collier launched May 5th, 1918, in twenty-seven days, two hours and fifty-five minutes—the world's record cut in half. After launching Charles M. Schwab asked Mason how he and his men had made such exceptional speed. "No booze," replied Mason. "That is the secret."

More men: More than 580,000 farmers and wage earners are employed by the liquor interests in making and selling drink in this country.

II. ECONOMY

Save money: In peace time the cost of alcohol to our country every year was: cash over the counter $2,200,000,000, cost of deaths from drink $100,000,000, cost for care of insane caused by drink $40,000,000, cost from preventable disease caused by drink $150,000,000, cost from crime caused by drink $30,000,000.

Save food: Professor Thomas M. Carver of Harvard and others estimate from government statistics that the manufacture of alcoholic beverages in the United States requires more than six billion pounds of food stuffs every year.

Save health: Every year fully one hundred twenty thousand lives are destroyed by alcohol.

III. ELEVATION

Better houses: In support of Prohibition it is pointed out that "in the 25 cities of Kansas the percentage of home owners is greater and the percentage of renters smaller than in the cities of any other state in the union."

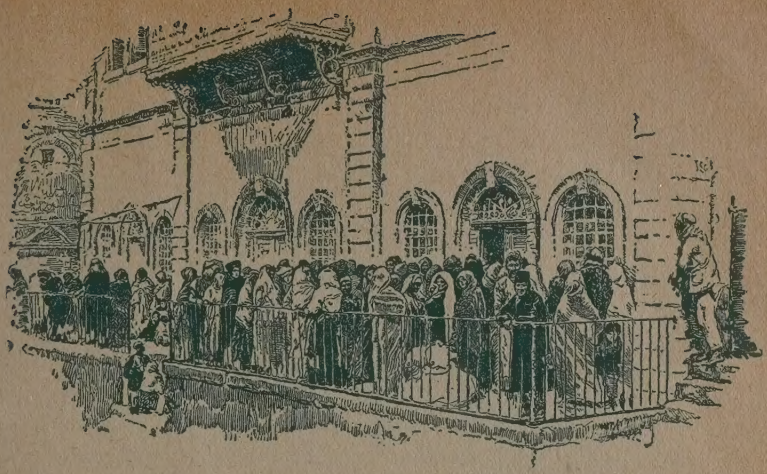
Better country: The Kansas State Legislature passed a resolution in which they stated "that the state of Kansas is cleaner, better, more advanced in mental culture and stronger in moral fibre and conviction; that her homes are happier and more comfortable, her children are better educated than ever before in her history; that crime is less prevalent and poverty less general; and that all this is due largely to the fact that the saloon is an outlaw."

Better citizens: Fifty per cent of all crime is a direct result of alcohol. In Alabama there were only 88 murders in 1911 under prohibition, and 306 murders in 1912 with open saloons.

The above excerpts are from a leaflet prepared by the Unitarian Temperance Society for the use of teachers and superintendents.

The Department of Religious Education of the American Unitarian Association has prepared a special temperance service for use in our Sunday Schools.

All our Sunday Schools are strongly urged to observe Temperance Sunday March 30. The special service and leaflets may be had in quantity by addressing the Secretary of the Temperance Society. Please order early.



Syrian refugees from the villages near the Northern Front trenches, lined up for bread tickets given them by a member of the American Colony who was working in connection with the Syrian and Palestine Relief Fund.

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